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## Vaccine E-Letter # 276

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### **Influenza Vaccine Pre-Booking Forms for Private Stock**

If you receive an Influenza Vaccine pre-booking form from McKesson, be advised that it is for your private stock and is not connected to Vaccines for Children (VFC) Influenza Vaccine for this year. ISDH VFC Influenza Vaccine order forms will come from ISDH and will not arrive until summer.

### **Pediarix Schedule**

As VFC/Assessment, Feedback, Incentives, and eXchange (AFIX) site visits are being conducted, we regularly see incorrect schedules being used for Pediarix (DTaP-IPV-Hepatitis B).

Keep in mind the following when using Pediarix:

- Pediarix is approved as a 3-dose primary series at 2, 4, and 6 months of age. It is licensed for children 6 weeks through 6 years of age. It should not be used for booster doses of DTaP or IPV.
- The minimum age and interval for each dose of Pediarix is equivalent to the oldest age and longest interval recommended for any of the individual components (DTaP, IPV, or Hepatitis B) of the vaccine.
- Children who have received the Hepatitis B birth dose and later receive a 3-dose Pediarix series will receive four doses of Hepatitis B vaccine. It is likely that one of the doses of Hepatitis B will be given at an invalid interval or age. If this is the case, the next dose of Pediarix cannot be given until the minimum interval that is used for single antigen Hepatitis B vaccine has passed following the invalid dose and the child is at least 24 weeks of age.

## Pediarix – Test Your Knowledge

Q: Is this immunization schedule correct?

Date of Birth: 08/26/2006  
Hib: 11/1/2006, 1/3/2007, 8/30/2007  
PCV7: 11/1/2006, 1/3/2007, 2/22/2007, 8/30/2007  
MMR: 8/30/2007  
Varicella: 8/30/2007  
DTaP: 11/1/2006, 1/3/2007, 2/22/2007, 8/30/2007  
Polio: 11/1/2006, 1/3/2007, 2/22/2007  
HepB: 8/28/2006, 11/1/2006, 1/3/2007, 2/22/2007

A. This schedule is not correct. In this case, Pediarix was used for the first three DTaP and Polio vaccinations, as well as the last three Hepatitis B vaccinations. The minimum intervals and ages were met for the DTaP and Polio components but not the Hepatitis B component. While the third Hepatitis B meets the minimum interval requirement of 8 weeks following dose 2, the child does not meet the minimum age requirement of 24 weeks for dose 3; therefore the dose is invalid and an additional dose of Hepatitis B is needed. The final dose of Pediarix could have provided the final, valid dose of Hepatitis B; however, the final dose of Pediarix was given too early. To meet the minimum interval requirement for a valid dose of Hepatitis B, the final dose of Pediarix should have been administered 8 weeks following the invalid dose (on or after 2/28/2007). This child needs an additional dose of single antigen Hepatitis B vaccine to have a complete Hepatitis B series.

For more information on the proper use of Pediarix, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/combo-vaccines/pediarix/faqs-hcp-pediarix.htm> or <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/combo-vaccines/pediarix/faqs-nipinfo-pediarix.htm>

## **Children and Hoosiers Immunization Registry Program (CHIRP) Tip**

Never use your computer's auto-fill function to store or "remember" your username and password. Although it is convenient, this practice can create problems for CHIRP users. It compromises the security of the system, leaving CHIRP open to anyone who can access your computer.

## **CHIRP Informational Sessions – New This Year!**

CHIRP Informational Sessions are designed for NON-CHIRP users interested in learning more about the benefits of using CHIRP in their facility or practice. The agenda includes A) What is CHIRP; B) Benefits of using CHIRP; C) CHIRP's role in State Funded vaccine; and D) How to enroll in CHIRP.

May 14, 2008  
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
**Delaware County**  
Ball Memorial Hospital  
Out Patient Medical Pavilion-Room 1  
2401 West University Ave  
Muncie, IN 47303

## **CHIRP User Group Meeting – For *Current* CHIRP Users**

This session is designed for *CURRENT* CHIRP users who are interested in learning about upcoming changes or who have specific questions regarding CHIRP usage. The agenda includes A) System Status; B) Current Issues; C) Upcoming Changes; D) Training – State Funded vaccine management and eligibility; E) Monitoring Data Quality; and F) Questions/Answers

*Call (888) 227-4439 or go to the CHIRP.IN.GOV to register.*

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9:30 am - 11:30 am

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## **Publication Schedule of Vaccine E-letter**

Beginning in April, the publication of the Vaccine E-letter will occur every two weeks. Publication of the next Vaccine E-letter will be Friday, April 18, 2008.

## **Contact Us**

For questions and comments, please contact the ISDH Immunization Program at:  
[Immunize@ISDH.IN.gov](mailto:Immunize@ISDH.IN.gov) or 800-701-0704.